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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and

listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An operating method, which

comprises the steps of:

providing a memory device for storing data bits that may

change their level from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0, it being more

likely that the stored data bits will change their level from

0 to 1 than from 1 to 0, or vice versa;

storing the data bits in the memory device a plurality of

times resulting in originally stored data; and

providing additional information about whether it is more

likely that the stored data bits will change their level from

0 to 1 or from 1 to 0; and

reconstructing the originally stored data as required from the

data stored a plurality of times, taking into account the

additional information direction of any memory content changes

which arise.

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Claim 2 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises during the reconstruction of the data originally stored in the memory device, subjecting mutually corresponding bits of the data stored a plurality of times to a Boolean operation.

Claim 3 (previously presented). The method according to claim 1, which comprises configuring the memory device to store the data, that are to be stored in the memory device, automatically in the memory device a plurality of times.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The method according to claim 1, which comprises:

providing additional information dependent on the data being stored in the memory device; and

reconstructing the originally stored data as required from the data stored a plurality of times and the additional information.